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Re: Inventors: Timothy W. King and Charles W. Patrick, Jr.  
MDA No.: MDA00-004  
Patent Application Entitled: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
BIODEGRADABLE MICROSPHERES AS CARRIERS OF BIOACTIVE  
SUBSTANCES  
Serial No.: 09/671,540  
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Dear Sir:

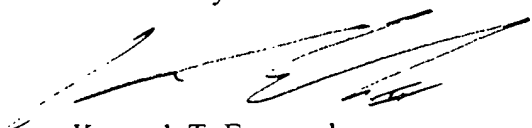
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1. Response to Office Action; and
2. Postcard.

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In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments concerning any of the above, please call the undersigned at your convenience. Otherwise, please accept the enclosed.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted timely as a complete Response to the official Office Action, mailed May 6, 2002, and due for reply on or before August 6, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the remarks submitted herewith be considered. In view of the remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims pending in this Application are respectfully requested. It is believed that no fee is due for this reply. If a fee is due, however, please charge this fee to our Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 23-36 are pending in the Application. The Examiner has acknowledged Applicants' traversal to the restriction requirement and has combined Groups I and III (Claims 1-18 and 23, 24, and 25-36). Pending claims 1-7, 13-14, 16-18 and 23-36